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Lincoln High Newsletter

Memories of then! News of now!

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Cary Winegarden writes:

WOW!!! Guys and Gals ! This thing is Big ! The reunion is getting REALLY BIG ! It's feeding upon itself, like "The Blob", it's getting bigger and better everyday. If you miss this one, no one to blame but yourself, "The Enablers" have done their job. We are still taking "late comers", we want everyone to enjoy this event, renew friendships and meet new friends. Still time to join us!

We now have Teachers as our guests: Jack Cepek, Peter Schneider, Larry Jorgenson and their spouses are going to join us.
I expect several more.

We have found several more "lost" and new classmates: Carol (Davis) West in Brady, TX; Don Freeberg, on the move around the country, calling Rudolph his home base; Susan (Sampson) Casper in Madison; WI; Jerry Zeman, who slipped through the cracks of our search team, still living in Rapids; John Turner, in Jacksonville, FL; and James C. Anderson, who has never received an invitation to any previous reunions. Jim was a friend of mine and we worked together for a time after high school. He is living in Rapids and is receiving an invitation this year! Yes, there is a James Ace Anderson and a James Allen Anderson, also of the class of '65. We have now contacted over **420 people !**

Chris Gorski is setting up a fantastic golf event. It should be the talk of the reunion. Great mingler and ice breaker! 1 PM lunch, 2 PM tee time, shot gun start, prizes, fun and merriment !

Once again, don't forget the happy hour Friday, August 19th 5-7 PM at the Ridges "Bunker" and the Sunday "Farewell" Brunch, 10:30 AM at the Chalet Restaurant, South 8th Street. No reservations needed for these two although a notice to me would be appreciated so I can let the establishment know how many to expect.

Cary Winegarden - winegca@lavonweb.net

Editor's note: Really, really hope that the Rapids area folks, if they can't come to the Reunion banquet,

will attend the Happy Hour at the Bunker or the brunch at the Chalet. **The "locals" of any high school are the most reluctant to attend reunions!** Have never understood why! Maybe because you see a bunch of classmates in town every week? Please tell the Editor why you choose/chose not to attend! It is the same story with every high school in the nation! The folks who stayed in town don't come to reunions!

Ed note: Want to support our troops abroad with a "care" package? See: www.usogive.com/

In a recent world wide initiative, mobile phone users are being urged to enter a number in their phone's memory under the heading **ICE** - "In Case of Emergency". Paramedics or police would then be able to use it to contact a relative in the event that the person was unconscious.

Chuck Hinners (65) chuck@crfinancialconsulting.com writes - **RE: "last week's newsletter"**:

Mary Wilson was the name of Paul Miller's first wife. She was in the Class of 67 (**Ed: but didn't graduate with the class**). Her parents were Jimmy and Madge Wilson. Jimmy Wilson was the manager of my little league baseball team that won the first championship in 1957. Jimmy and his son Skip, then 18, were tireless in getting us ready for games; they wanted to win as much as we did. We played two games per week, and practiced every other day except Sunday. Mary had an older sister Darla who married Tom (Swede) Johnson. Swede played basketball at LHS. Probably graduated in 59 or 60. Mary also had a younger sister who probably graduated in the early 70s.

Our little league team was the **Daly Drug Braves**. Our players (15) were Bob Jenkin, Gary Fandek, John Newman, Paul Witt, Ken Adams, Lee Weinfurter, Hinners, Fred Esser, Bill Dachel, Craig Skibba, Dennis Solie, Bill Heilman, John Butler, Dick Walker and Dick Zellmer.

Tom Brown (65) tbrown@intella.net writes:

Hi Kent,

This is sort of odd for me since I was only a "classmate" for my senior year **at LHS**. And I'm actually planning on coming to my first class reunion after 40 years!! I've been reading your "newsletters" with great interest over the past couple of years and it's really been great to read news about the classmates who I remember and some I didn't even know. Sue Exner was a person who I remember as a very kind and funny individual. A personality plus!! I can't remember how we met but I know that she taught me how to drive. Having moved around so much - I missed the "road" portion of drivers ed and needed a lot of practice. So I remember several occasions where she would come over and we'd drive all over the county on the back roads. Of course I developed a huge crush on her but she was a "taken" lady at the time. But what a great lady!!

So I'll be looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion. I'm going to be golfing on Friday with Don Wylie. I'll be the one hitting the ball my old Wilson Sam Sneads!!! Vintage 1966 clubs!!

Take Care,

Tom

Hi Kent:

Please get this golf schedule & this link <http://www.ridgesgolfcourse.com/golf.html> into our News Letter.

Thanks, **Chris Gorski** karma@karma-inc.com

Our **Class of 65 Golf Outing** at the Ridges has 35 confirmed participants. Our shotgun start is on the back 9 at 2pm on the 19th. Your entry fee includes a sandwich & beverage before hand so please arrive around 1pm. Come to our Sign In Table to register, get you lunch ticket, raffle ticket, your groups Cart #, score card and rules sheet.

Our format is a mixed Best Ball event meaning that everyone in your foursome hits every shot, playing the shot deemed the best strategic shot.

Everyone in your foursome can purchase 1 mulligan at the Sign In table. The mulligan can be used at any time including for a 2nd chance put.

Everyone in your foursome will receive a 6 foot length of string, any portion of which can be used to get out of trouble or better position your ball for the next shot. Your string **CANNOT BE USED TO WIN A FLAG** nor can it be used to sink a put. It can be used on the green to get your ball closer to the hole but no closer then the length of the Hole Flag.

There will be a cash prize for the Lowest score by a foursome and there will be Flag Prizes for each hole as well as a few door prizes.

Here is a listing of the foursomes and attached is a jpeg of the Ridges containing the back nine layout, hole yardages and Flag challenges for each hole. This should be fun, looking forward to seeing everyone.

Jill Kohnen Morman
Dave Ferk
Ron Hammel
John Link

Judy Hanneman
Gene Haferman
Robert Hall
Pat Kranz

Susan Rice Hammel
Roger Gray
Terry Stake
Steve Harding

Judy Ehlert Brown
John Passer
Robert Schmidt
Jim Haferman

Martha Craner Sydanmaa
Chuck Hinnners
Nancy Schmidt
William Severson

Susan Benbow Hinnners
Beverly Rheel Szelagowski
Chris Gorski

Lenore Crothers Haferman
Jim Morman
Ron Grundeen
Ken Serchen

Linda Muth Serchen
Tom Brown
Don Wylie
Jim Natwick

Kathy Gorski
Jim Szelagowski
Joann Miller Foss
Ron Witt

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Rapids mill was no longer competitive, officials say

By BETH BURGER
Daily Tribune Staff

Stora Enso officials told 35 management employees this week that they no longer have jobs at the Wisconsin Rapids mill.

The reduction of 42 salaried positions, announced Tuesday, is a result of a "strategic reorganization" of management at the mill and is not part of the cuts announced in August 2003 that eliminated 1,050 jobs in North America over a period of about three years, officials said. Seven positions that were cut were either vacant or were going to be, due to retirements.

At the end of June, there were about 1,026 workers employed at the Wisconsin Rapids mill.

"These are very competitive times in the paper industry and the Wisconsin Rapids mill is no exception," said Tim Laatsch, senior vice president of communications at Stora Enso. "We can't sit on the sidelines and watch things happen. We have to take action. The action in this case affects 42 positions and 35 people."

Other reasons for the cuts include a company effort to reduce fixed costs and ensure the long-term future of the mill, he said.

"With the current cost structure we have - it simply isn't a competitive one. That is being addressed," Laatsch said.

Mayor Jerry Bach said he wasn't surprised to hear the news.

"It's a real struggle," he said. "It's a world - we really need to be prepared for change. It's something that has happened in our community and we're not alone." Since all 35 people were in management, it may be difficult for them to find an equal position in Wisconsin Rapids, he said.

But what Bach hopes some of the employees will do is to participate in entrepreneurial boot camps through the Community Progress Initiative.

"Maybe some people can get that start to really do something they enjoy doing or always wanted to do," he said.

Joseph Helmuth, president and business manager of Local 1147 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, said he feels for the management employees who lost their jobs.

"I feel sorry for what's happened to these people, but the company's hurting right now," he said.

It may be a challenge for employees to stay in Wisconsin Rapids, Helmuth said.

"They've got excellent skills. They've been in leadership for a long time. But I don't think Wisconsin Rapids will have anything to offer them. **This is a one-horse town right now.**" Laatsch did not say these cuts would be the last.

"We continue to assess all of our personnel needs on an ongoing basis," he said.

The company offered job counseling to the employees who lost their jobs and also offered

severance pay, health benefits and outplacement services, Laatsch said.

Employees who are 55 and older with at least 10 years of credited service will be eligible for retirement benefits.

"This is a reorganization for the mill to support their strategic direction. The Wisconsin Rapids mill has the objective to become the most profitable pulp and paper mill in North America," Laatsch said.

Ed note: The following was also in today's Trib. One wonders if the Stora Enso Finns are showing some favoritism to their countrymen?

Daily Tribune Staff

Stora Enso Oyj lost just more than \$12 million from April to June, according to financial results the company released Wednesday. Company officials attribute the loss primarily to a **labor dispute at a Finnish sawmill** that shut down production, said Tim Laatsch, senior vice president of communications at Stora Enso. The labor dispute was settled, and the machines started running again at the beginning of this month. The dispute will also affect the third quarter, due to an estimated loss of 100,000 tons of paper and board production, according to the company's report.